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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 27, 1998 OFFICE ACTION AND
PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is in response to a February 27, 1998 Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the February 27, 1998 Office Action was originally due March 29, 1998. Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time. The fee for a two-month extension of time for a small entity is TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00). A check including this amount is enclosed herewith. Thus, a response to the February 27, 1998 Office Action is now due May 27, 1998. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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Please amend the subject application as follows:

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In the claims:

Please amend claims 5 and 7 as follows:

--5. (amended) A method of inhibiting activation by CD40 ligand of cells expressing CD40 on the cell surface, comprising providing the cells with the protein of claim 1 [an agent capable of inhibiting CD40-mediated intracellular signaling, the agent being present] in an amount effective to inhibit activation of the cells.--